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The Chinese Communists have given a written order to a Hong Kong firm for 30 metric tons of nickel squares (electrolytic 99.9%), 500 tons of zinc (99.9%) and 100 metric tons of cobalt rondels (at least 97% Co). If the firm can supply the cobalt, it will receive another order for the same amount every 60 days. The cobalt can cost more than the market price.

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Comment. This is obviously an attempt to get cobalt for USSR consumption, because China could not use 100 tons of cobalt in several years.

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